:hrust area) especially seasonal fruits since processed foods have to be supplied throughout the year amd it takes 2-3 months to manufacture these items; and

(b) what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DATT): (a) and (b) The perioj of 9 months for fulfilment of the export obligation for export of products other than Engineering items and Cassettes, has been fixed in consultation wi'h the technical authorities concerned regarding the element of time required for manufac-turejprocessing of these export products. However, requests for further extension ln the export obligation, when received, from exporters including exporters of processed foods, are considered depending upon the merits of each case.

Unearthing of Foreign Exchange Racket in Andhra Pradesh

1268. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the En forcement Directorate and the Andhra les! Police from Hyderabad South Zone *h.v e* recently arrested some persons engaged >n foreign exchange racket an J have ested some persons who frcm Gulf countries in th's connection; and

(b) it" so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRT JANARDHAN POOJARI); (a) and (b) The Andhra Pradesh Police, South Zone apprehended 5 persons in a car with U.S. $ 1,20,200. The foreign curency was subsequently seized and all the five persons were arrested on 18-5-86 by tbe Enforcement Directorate. The ^*nested* persons were remanded to judicial custody till >-6-8<.

In another case, the Directorate of Enforcement with the assistance of Police at Hyderabad intercepted a bus and seized from 'a Bombay bound passenger S. Ris. 17,500, UAE Dirbams 3,500; Oman Ris. 100 and US $ 100. The passenger was arrested on 21-5-86 and remanded tn judicial custody for 15 days. In connection with these cases no person from tlee Gulf countries was arrested.

Suppjy oV loan forms in Hindi to ihe Nationalised Banks

1269. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nationalised banks have been supplied all their loan forms only in 'HINDI';

(b) whether this has caused difficulties to the customers in non-Hindi speaking States; and

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (fe) above be in the affirmative, what *teps Governmen! have taken in the matter?

THF. MINISTER OF STATE IN THF. MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI); (a) In pursuance to Official Language Policy of Government, public -ector banks have been advised to prepare their cheques, pass books account opening forms, loan application forms, etc. both in Hindi and English and wherever necessary/fea:ible additionally in the Regional language also.

ln the interest of bettti service to tkeir customers, bank branches do endnavour to deal with them in local language wherever necessary.

fb) and (c) Do not arise.